# NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

**FOR WRITTEN REPLY**

**QUESTION NO. 944**

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**Mrs M O Clarke (DA) to ask the Minister of Health:**

(1) What (a) total number of cases of obstetric violence have been reported since 2016, (b) is the breakdown of such cases in each province, (c) are the relevant details of each case, (d) are the total legal costs to his department relating to obstetric violence since 2016 and (e) total number of patients have reported episiotomies being conducted without their permission since 2016;

(2) what (a) total number of cases of (i) maternal death due to medical negligence after birth have there been since 2016 and (ii) infant death have occurred due to medical negligence since 2016 and (b) is the current total amount in legal fees owed by his department due to medical negligence?

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**REPLY:**

The information requested by this question is not readily available at the National Department. The Department is working with all provincial departments of Health to source this information. As soon as the information is received, the Minister will furnish a full response in this regard.

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